

ELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 21, 2016
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Jim Sorensen called the March 21, 2016 Elma Council Meeting to order. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:

Diana Easton called roll with Attorney Dan Glenn, Jim Sorensen, Jim Taylor, Charlie Butterfield, Tom Boling and Pat Miller present.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion made by Jim Taylor and seconded by Tom Boling to approve the minutes from March 7, 2016, Claims Warrants from #50992 to #51095 and #922316, totaling \$167,670.91, and Payroll Warrants from #40350 to #40409 , IRS totaling \$153,244.73. All Council Members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

NUISANCE CODE ORDINANCE:

Council members discussed a draft Nuisance Code ordinance. Mayor Sorensen commented that both Chief Shultz and Joe Chrystal has reviewed it and did not see any areas of concern. Councilperson Taylor suggested having the Public Works committee review it also. Council members agreed to hold the issue over until the Public Works committee and the Public Safety committee had time to review it and give recommendations.

MRSC FUNDING RESOLUTION:

Following a recommendation from Attorney Glenn, Council members agreed to pass a resolution regarding the current issue facing legislature that eliminates MRSC funding. **Motion made by David Blackett and seconded by Tom Boling to pass Resolution #619 regarding the need for continued funding for MRSC. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

ROLLING THUNDER REQUESTS 3RD STREET BE DEDICATED TO CARL HUTTULA – A FALLEN SOLDIER:

William Parish and his wife, representing Rolling Thunder, requested that 3rd Street be dedicated to Carl Huttula-a local fallen soldier. Mrs. Parish read a portion of a letter sent to Carl's parents honoring their son and his sister, Janice Huttula thanked Rolling Thunder for honoring Carl. **Motion made by Tom Boling and seconded by Pat Miller to dedicate 3rd Street to Carl Hutulla-a fallen soldier. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

DISCUSS FIRE DEPARTMENT HVAC SYSTEMS:

Chief Boling informed Council members on his meeting with a contractor regarding the Fire Department HVAC system. After hearing the contractor's recommendations, Council members agreed that replacing the system would be more cost effective than doing a "temporary" fix in the long run. **Motion made by David Blackett and seconded by Pat Miller to allow Chief Boling to obtain bids for replacing the HVAC system in the Fire Department. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

SENIOR CENTER REQUESTS REP & MAIN REIMBURSEMENT:

Vince Tyner, a representative from the Senior Center, requested the City reimburse the Senior Center Board for repairs they made to the Senior Center building. Mr. Tyner submitted receipts for the cost of the repairs and Council members agreed that the issue should be reviewed by the Finance Committee before action is taken. The Finance committee will return with a recommendation.

RATIFICATION ON DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH MARTINS REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY AT 50 SCHOUWEILER TRACTS ROAD EAST:

Attorney Glenn updated Council members on the importance of having the development agreement with Martins regarding developing the property at 50 Schouweiler Tracts Road East, saying it lays out the terms of developing if the proposed annexation is approved. **Motion made by David Blackett and seconded by Tom Boling to allow the Mayor to ratify the development agreement with Martens regarding development of property at 50 Schouweiler Tracts Road East. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

DISCUSS EXISTING NOISE ORDINANCE:

Joe Chrystal addressed the need to have the current noise ordinance reviewed and updated. Council members discussed the issue and agreed it needed to be updated. Attorney Glenn suggested that Mr. Chrystal check with the MRSC also.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Councilperson Taylor commented on the status of the policy for the Fire Department, saying it was near completion and will be to Council for approval soon.

STAFF REPORT/ JIM STARKS:

Jim Starks gave a report on three (3) topics. First, he gave an update on the E. Main Street water main replacement project, saying it will be advertised next week to accept bids. Second, he informed Council members that a Public Hearing will be held in the following week to discuss a variance issue relating to a 53-acre parcel that the owners would like to build two (2) residential homes on. Finally, Mr. Starks updated Council members on an issue that USA Today reported on

regarding high levels of lead reportedly found in the City of Elma's water supply, Jim explained the issues with the lab used and how there never was a high level of lead.

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STAFF REPORTS/ SUE SCHULTZ:

Chief Shultz commented on the recent car prowls at the local high schools and stated that a Facebook post on the Elma PD page lead to a suspect identification. The property taken from Elma High School students had all been returned.

STAFF REPORT/ JOE CHRYSTAL:

Joe Chrystal commented on the Disaster Workshop he attended recently.

STAFF REPORT/ SARAH OGDEN:

Ms. Ogden, the Librarian, informed Council members that the Library is now selling bus passes for the Grays Harbor Transportation.

COUNCIL REPORT/ TOM BOLING:

Tom Boling reopened the discussion on having a ballot box in Elma and would like to see about getting one in town. Councilperson Miller suggested having Mayor Sorensen write a letter to Vern Spatz on behalf of the citizens of Elma. Mayor Sorensen agreed to draft a letter.

COUNCIL REPORT/ JIM TAYLOR:

Jim Taylor also commented on the Disaster Workshop he attended and shared some of the information he thought was pertinent.

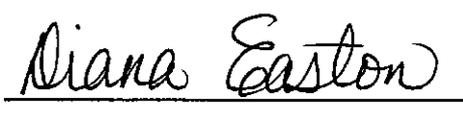
MAYOR'S REPORT/ JIM SORENSEN:

Mayor Sorensen requested a volunteer to sit on the negotiating committee for the Police Department. Charlie Butterfield volunteered. **Motion made by Jim Taylor and seconded by Tom Boling to appoint Charlie Butterfield to the negotiating committee for the Police Officers. All Council members voted in favor, Motion carried.**

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Motion made by Charlie Butterfield and seconded by Tom Boling to adjourn the Elma City Council meeting. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.


Jim Sorensen – Mayor


Diana Easton – Clerk-Treasurer